

REGULAR MEETING, BOARD OF ALDERMEN, CITY OF LAS CRUCES

The regular meeting, Board of Aldermen, City of Las Cruces, was held Monday evening December 1, 1947, at the City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 P. M. by Mayor Klein.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Andres Cisneros, Jose Viramontes, Juan G. Apodaca, Alfred R. Camunez, Mike F. Apodaca, Clarence E. Dean, Martin Campbell, Joe E. Smith, J. D. McElhannon, Olin Candler, and H. W. Pickard.

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: E. G. Shannon, City Attorney; Pat McClernon, City Manager, and P. W. Kaltenbach, Treasure.

RE: STRAIGHTENING HADLEY STREET TO AIRPORT.

Mrs. Mildred Anderson appeared before the Board and presented the proposal to the Council that she would be willing to sell the City enough land for them to construct a road to connect East Hadley Avenue to Hinton Avenue and thus the City would be able to eliminate the dangerous corner which is now located at the intersection of the two streets. After considerable discussion of several different proposals as to the amount of consideration a motion was made by Mr. McElhannon that the City offer Mrs. Anderson \$250.00 cash and a release of paving charges assessed against her property in amount of approximately \$300.00 for enough land to cross five lots of her property with a road, location of said road to be dependent upon survey to be made of the area. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and with all members present voting "Yes", the motion was approved. Mrs. Anderson stated she would accept the offer provided she was given the option of cancellation of same if the road when located did not appear to leave her enough land on the lots under consideration to be of what she considered a fair value. The Board accepted her offer and directed the City Manager to proceed with the setting of stakes to determine the location of the road.

RE: WHITFIELD FRANCHISE:

Mr. Ed. Whitfield appeared before the Board representing the Whitfield Bus Lines and presented a request for a new franchise for the company. The new franchise being requested on the basis that since the City Bus Lines had suspended operations it was felt that the public should be furnished service therefore they requested the right to carry the service on. After considerable discussion the Board came to the conclusion that the City Bus Lines according to their Franchise should have 60 days to resume operations, therefore no new franchise should be given during said period. Mr. Campbell then made the motion that the City under the afore-mentioned circumstances request the Whitfield Lines to operate over the City Lines routes for the sixty day period after which time a new franchise would be considered when and if conditions still warranted same.

RE: WATER RIGHTS ON BRANIGAN FARM:

Mr. James Ballard, renter of the Branigan Farm, next appeared before the Board and requested that he be given the right to transfer the water rights of the Branigan Farm to other property which he desired to farm. He explained that due to the contemplated water shortage it was expected that the water for irrigation purposes would be limited to a one acre foot allowance and with that limited amount of water it would be impossible to farm that Branigan Farm land because of the type of soil it was composed of. After discussion, Mr. Prichard made the motion that Mr. Ballard be given authority to transfer the water rights of the Branigan Farm for one year and that Clerk write Mr. Ballard a letter to that effect. Mr. Viramontes seconded the motion and with all members present voting "Yes", motion carried.